

# **New York State Statewide School COVID Report Card: 2020-2021 School Year**

## **OVERVIEW**

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## **General Description:**

As per the state government mandate, each school throughout the state was required to report to the New York State School COVID Report Card for the duration of the 2020-2021 academic year. This mandate applied to all K-12 public, private and charter schools and BOCES programs. On each operational day, school administrators completed and submitted a daily survey. The survey contained information on teaching model, school population numbers reflecting the total number of students, teachers and staff, COVID-19 positive cases, COVID-19 tests conducted and school closure data. All data is reported in aggregate and contains no identifiable information.

The New York State School COVID Report Card was initially developed in September 2020 to collect school-level COVID-19 data reported by school administrators throughout the 2020-2021 school year. The Report Card was re-launched on September 13, 2021. Archived data from the 2020-2021 school year as well as data from the current 2021-2022 school year will be made available on the Health Data New York website.

## **Data Methodology:**

Data was collected from K-12 public, private and charter schools and BOCES programs on each operational day using the daily school survey form, which school administrators accessed by logging in to the NYSDOH school survey website. Each school was able to submit data for a given operational day between the hours of 7am and 4pm. At the close of the reporting window, a process would run that aggregated data at the school and district levels. The next morning the data were updated for the previous day and displayed on the School COVID Report Card website.

*No data received is redacted.*

## **Limitations of Use:**

The self-reported nature of this data should be considered a limitation. School administrators were responsible for collecting and collating data prior to submission. COVID-19 positive data includes students, teachers and staff enrolled or employed by a given school or district. This information was either shared with the school by the parent/guardian of the student, teachers or staff, or communicated by the local health department as part of contact tracing efforts. Additionally, if a reporting day was missed or updates to data were necessary (i.e. due to lag time associated with test result turnaround), case counts may have been higher than indicated on a given instructional day.